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In February 1952, the Social Security Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs organized Youth Guard Units in P'yongyang and other places in North Korea.<sup>1</sup> The Youth Guard Unit consisted of citizens of Seoul who volunteered to join the North Korean army during the 1950 occupation of Seoul, and former members of the South Korean Labor Party. After being investigated by the Political Departments of their respective army units, they were discharged from the North Korean army to take part in stay-behind intelligence and resistance operations in the event of another advance. Approximately 1,000 members of the Youth Guard Unit were assigned to P'yongyang upon completion of a six month training course in Kanggye (N 40-58, E 126-35) (BA-975375). In November 1952, one or two members were placed in each block in P'yongyang and given cover jobs as drivers or factory workers. These people were used as informants by the Social Security Bureau; however, in event of a North Korean withdrawal, they were to do the following:

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- Assist the evacuation of civilians and North Korean army troops from P'yongyang.
- Penetrate the United Nations security forces which moved into the city.
- Gather intelligence.
- Create disorder and disturbance by covert means.
- Assassinate any civilians who discover their activities.

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